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AB A method for enhancing penetration of a therapeutic or prophylactic agent in a host in need of the topical administration thereof which comprises applying to the epithelium of the host, an effective amount

one or more penetration enhancing epithelial sterols and the therapeutic  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) +\left$ 

or prophylactic agent.

CLM What is claimed is:

1. A method for enhancing permeation of a **topically** administered therapeutic or prophylactic agent in a host in need of the cutaneous or transdermal administration of a therapeutic or. . . inhibitor selected from the group consisting of cholesterol, cholesterol

oleate, cholesterol laurate, cholesterol myristate, cholesterol palmitate, cholesterol stearate, cholesterol arachidate,

cholesterol sulfate, epicholesterol, cholesterol

phosphate, squalene, 7-dehydrocholesterol, lanosterol, desmosterol, and zymolsterol, in a penetration enhancing amount within the range of from about 0.01 to about 25 weight. . .